

April 30 - 1852.
 Dear Mr. Garrison,
 I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. to the A. S. Cause,
 and I am so glad that you are so much interested in its unceasing
 demands upon our time, to forego the luxury of communion
 with its cherished advocates in foreign lands. Such "effu-
 sions of soul" as your three delightful letters have awakened
 can only be repressed from immediate utterance by
 rigid obedience to the stern behests of daily duty! You
 will probably laugh at this as an absurd hyperbole,
 but it really is an unvarnished matter of fact, I trust
 to your acceptance of it as an explanation of my struggle
 with both my ~~own~~ part of that of my fellow delinquents
 - my Father & Mr. Webb. The latter commiserates himself
 at the change that has come over the character of his A. S.
 labor, & his ~~own~~ kind of alliance with us. "Formerly," he
 says, "I was busy sailing, or occasional lettering to the Standard
 & American friends, & now it is up early, in bed late, com-
 posing, printing, arranging, corresponding, & engaging
 in the thick of the conflict with the new Organization
 of Clerical Abolitionism in which religiously devoted (as
 far as public vehicles of information can serve their
 turn) throughout the land. What way we shall ever
 be able to make against these hydra-headed monsters
 with their machinery, in a country where exposure
 is so difficult & where the power of action,
 & where so many interests are enlisted in keeping us
 from the light of truth & showing us in honest people's eyes,
 how is no saying, but feeling, we can only help effecting
 by abolishing slavery by abolishing the institutions
 of the nation, & direct our blows with more unflinching
 firmness at them, & for that both of us have
 nobly had no leisure for anything else. I think I told
 you of the opening fair charges that the B. S. A. Authority
 would let. Unfortunately there has been so much work
 to be done with this instrumentality that a deficiency
 of hands in the executive department, that I could

only attempt to hold it together thro' the present campaign,
without taking steps to rectify & ^{the} expanding, which is my
ambition & must be my next undertaking. At present
the members are unanimous, cordial, & confident, & anxious
to help, but as they can only do what they are taught, it
is of course quicker to do so ^{and less} than await society
of their aid. Last year when we were stirring up the
religious meetings &c. all over the land Miss Fiske was
a zealous originator as well as laborer, & might have been
here to help write &c. &c. Now with a vast increase of op-
erations the former is a cipher, & the latter off the field.
So I have to draw up ministers at appeals, get them
thro' the Com^s, printed with Mr. Webster's aid,
& then to push them about by circulation, writing
hosts of letters to several kinds of associations, unions,
A.S. societies, ministers &c. &c., adapting myself best
^{conveniently} to each case, & using Miss Fisk's name, adding
known heretics would neutralize the whole thing.
You shall see our set of documents w^{ch} must now be
in the hands of 300 ministers at least. We have had
one or two cheering responses of resolutions passed
by Congregational Unions in consequence of our appeal,
which shall be forwarded to America in the papers
where they are printed. We think we are doing something
to unmask the Alerical pro-slavery apologists by all
this, & to help on the work. I have been drawing up a
set of counter statements to Dr. Campbell's "infidel's out"
to show what very little regard these people who profess
such zeal for revealed truth show for sacredness &
The compilation will just serve as a reference book for
a few first principles whenever the infidel story comes
out, which it will do perpetually, & it is by far the easiest
expedient that could be found for fighting people & checking
further investigation. Then Mr. Webb's antislavery tracts
promptly had absorbed a great deal of thought & kept us
in perpetual correspondence. I happen to be collector of
all of all documents on controverted points, & have

to involve more immediate conflict with the many who
Mr Webb, that he refers everything to us. I am not giving
these details with the slightest intent of self glorification,
but simply by way of accounting for our ^{affairs} ~~little~~ ^{little}
wonder of the women interests. I take warmly to it
all you tell us. We have had the chief actors in the
Matthews & Scoble controversy which will doubtless
entertain you. All the circulation of the last theory. The
A.S. document rests upon our hands & that involves
much writing, dividing of ways & much to be said. My Father
wishes as hard as he can, but any amount of continuous
writing makes him ill, & he has thus sprung to many of
his present engagements that he is obliged to leave a
great portion of the enterprise with me. So you may
imagine how terrified & faint hearted I should be at the
amount of responsibility of I don't always know
what Mr W. Phillips described in reference to Kuper that
that we are only servants to the world to do our duty. Mr
Garrison dealt beautifully with L. Pappan & through both
of us directly aspiring for the crown without the cross of
martyrdom, & I think is half pleased at the notoriety
Dr Campbell has been giving him, tho' I learn from Miss
Wigham he has written in terms of lamentation to Dr
Ritchie of Edinb^g hoping British Christians "will defend him"
that he doesn't mind Dr C. & attacks on Mr Garrison
because he speaks the truth in unrighteousness! The
Wighams keep very soundly & are dreadfully ashamed
of their apparently retrograde disposition, tho' they still think
their best policy is not to break up the Society without further
efforts to bring it straight. The Patons have forgiven W.
Mr Brown who is lecturing in their neighbourhood.
(Joseph contrived to see the wife of the latter in Canada &
get from her a written paper where with to damage poor Brown.
Lo S. M. Thews has ascertained) The "Perth letters" I
think are much needed to have their faith confirmed,
The Bannan & Garnett have almost overpowered it. I think
there are some hopeful elements at Manchester; Mr Thews
is of course as zealous as ever. She calls Dr Campbell the Boston
"scoundrel" & pours forth the vials of her wrath on Albert Barnes

for having "rotted". These glimpses at our field of action
are only to stop the cap till I can respond fully to all your
interesting letters. As a proof that my pen is not idle I have
just been counting up 68 letters on English in this month
of April, but they are nearly the lightest part of the duty
composing, arranging, & proof correcting, & devising the order
of the march, & for more laborious. So you will be
with me I know, as Miss Parsons have had to do. Miss
brought some letters to me by express she is in London, you are
never favoured by her correspondence. Miss Pugh has promised
to come to see us after visiting Dublin which is a great pleasure
in store. Instead of gossip I ought to express my offer the ampleness of
loss for having in some strong ways mingled up a personal peque at your side
the attractions of Mr G. Thompson's society above those of the up de Weston gion
of Mr Webb to with from daily innocent Miss Pease estimate of the day
of influence personal command as leading a new A. S. movement
in England. It is like the pro slavery papers been they up Abolition
Tolson with the Abolition meetings as to represent you to the
world a set of limitations. There never was anything ever done
that for me to make you Miss Pease the con ductor of your well
deserved condemnation. My thoughts do seem to have out come my pen &
now I may not be allowed the care to explain what I did or did
mean. But by quoting an un re vised and cor rection with the
Miss Pease, you will be knowing her attachment to Mr T. Keith in
on safe ground. Your description of Mr T. private troubles,
precisely our own, which my father in 1846 wrote to Mr Murray,
some entirely in reference to the success of the Anti League with the
Pro testant to alter in good faith, and what we can only echo. The

Rev. A. W. Weston,
Weymouth.

Miss A. W. Weston

Now in this happy hour of rest, it gives me pleasure
 to reflect on the many kind friends who have been
 with me, during the time of my confinement. I thought the
 friends were few, but when I reflect on the goodness of the
 friends, I am convinced that I have a staff of life. I have
 never been so well as I am now, and I feel as if I should
 have been better off, if I had not been so long in bed.